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SUBJECT: COSTA RICAN SUPPORT FOR THE IAP ON RADIO REGULATIONS

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¶1. Econoff met with officials of the Costa Rican Ministry of Foreign Trade (COMEX) on October 12 to discuss the USG position cited in Reftel on the Inter-American Proposal presented in the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission of the OAS. COMEX officials stated that the GOCR could not present its position as it required coordination among two other institutions, the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Instituto Costarricense de Electricidad (ICE).

¶2. COMEX officials noted the USG position on radio regulations and said they would take it into consideration. After COMEX later provided to Post a contact person at ICE, Post followed up with ICE but did not receive a response. We therefore do not anticipate a GOCR response in time for the November 16 vote.

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